

## ALLIES MAY MEET U.S. SENATE HALF-WAY

ALLIES MAKE PROPOSAL  
TO ITALY TO SETTLE  
ADRIATIC QUESTION

Scialoia, Italian Foreign Minister, Goes to Rome From London to Consult His Government on Plan Outlined at Conference

London, Dec. 13.—Shortly after noon to-day it was announced that Signor Scialoia, the Italian Foreign Minister, who had been attending conferences with Premiers Lloyd George and Clemenceau here, had left for Italy. It was reported that his journey was for the purpose of consulting his Government with reference to an Allied proposal for the settlement of the Adriatic problem.

London, Dec. 13.—The Inter-Allied conference was resumed this morning in Downing Street, with Premiers Lloyd George and Clemenceau, Foreign Minister Scialoia of Italy and other officials of the British, French and Italian Governments present. The British conferees included Earl Curzon, Rt. Hon. Arthur J. Balfour and Rt. Hon. Andrew Bonar Law. Jules Cambon attended with Premier Clemenceau.

The Italian Naval Attaché in London and other Italian Embassy officials also were present.

Viscount Chinda, the Japanese Ambassador, also was called into the conference before its conclusion.

## Early Settlement.

Pars, Dec. 13.—(Hayas)—In the presence of John W. Davis, United States Ambassador to Great Britain, it is said, Premier Clemenceau and Premier Lloyd George assured Victor Scialoia, Italian Foreign Minister, that there was a necessity for an early settlement of the Fiume problem, and indicated Britain would intercede with the United States for Italy. Signor Scialoia will leave for Rome to-day to lay the matter before his Government.

The spirit which prevails at the London conference, The Matin says, is good, and the necessity for close co-operation by the Allies is recognized.

Steamship Carmania,  
Damaged in Collision,  
Docks at Halifax

Halifax, Dec. 13.—The liner Carmania, recently in collision off Cape Race, docked at 8:30 o'clock this morning.

SEATTLE LANDLORDS  
MUST STAND TRIAL

Seattle, Dec. 13.—Nine Seattle landlords are facing trial on charges of violation of the city ordinance, which requires apartment houses, rooming houses and hotels to be heated to a minimum of sixty-five degrees between 5 o'clock in the morning and 10 p.m. Numerous other alleged violators of the ordinance have been warned by the city Health Department.

TWO LOST LIVES IN  
AUTO ACCIDENT

Automobile Plunged From Bridge Into Sound Near Tacoma

Tacoma, Dec. 13.—An automobile load of Tacomans was plunged into the icy waters of Puget Sound this morning, one woman being drowned, when a car smashed through the guard gate of a drawbridge while the span was lifted, and an hour later Mrs. C. H. Reese, of Seattle, mother of Mrs. R. D. Sprague, died from exposure and a fractured skull.

The automobile was driven by R. D. Sprague. He failed to see that the gate on the Hydebow Waterway bridge was in place. The car tore the gate down and then turned a complete somersault as it fell into the bay, twenty-five feet below. Mr. Sprague, his son, and his mother-in-law, Mrs. Reese, were hurried free of the machine, but Mrs. Sprague died from exposure and a fractured skull.

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Great Round-up of  
Sinn Fein Leaders

## Now is Looked For

New York, Dec. 13.—According to a special Cork cable to a newspaper here, no fewer than 2,000 arrests of Sinn Feiners are expected by the end of this week in the new clean-up movement of the British Government in Ireland. It is thought every Sinn Fein leader will be jailed or deported.

DISORDERS IN TRINIDAD AND  
TOBAGO PUT DOWN BY SAILORS

London, Dec. 13.—Labor disturbances in the British islands of Trinidad and Tobago, in the West Indies, leading to rioting during which men were landed from the British warship Calcutta and resulting in several casualties, are reported in official dispatches to the Colonial Office here.

Special dispatches picture the trouble in Trinidad as arising from the negroes there, the Government buildings in Port of Spain, the principal town of the island, being stormed and held for three days. The official advices given out, however, do not mention such an occurrence.

From to-day's official message, it appears that the trouble originated in Tobago, twenty-two miles northeast of Trinidad. Seamen from the Calcutta were landed there. The police fired upon the rioters, killing the ring-leader.

## At Trinidad.

At the same time a strike of stevedores in Trinidad occurred and rioting followed in which one man was killed.

Returned soldiers were implicated in the disturbances, it is stated. The troubles were mainly due to labor unrest, which subsided after increased wages had been granted the workers, the messengers report.

To-day's advices state that Port of Spain is quiet, but that the country districts are still disturbed.

COLD SNAP ENDING,  
BUT SNOW LIKELY

Portland Sets Record Low  
Temperature To-day; In-  
tense Cold in California

The extreme cold spell is about over as far as Victoria is concerned, although snow is falling on all sides and is expected to this city before many hours, according to F. Napier Denison, superintendent of the Dominion Observatory at Gonzales Hill. There were traces of snow here last night and early to-day.

The cold Victoria has been experiencing during the last few days has swept down the coast carrying sharp frosts even to California, while rising temperatures feature this Province and the Prairies. The Rose City, broke all her temperature records when the thermometer at 6 o'clock this morning registered 4 above zero. The coldest Victoria had

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Enver Pasha  
Now Calls Himself  
King of Kurdistan

Constantinople, Dec. 13.—Enver Pasha, formerly Turkish Minister of War, has been crowned King of Kurdistan, the Turkish region lying between Mesopotamia and Persia, according to a report that reached here yesterday.

WAR MEASURES ACT WILL  
BE TESTED IN COURT SOON

Ottawa, Dec. 13.—Senator Ross, of the Fort Frances Pulp and Paper Company, has taken out a writ against the Paper Controller, R. A. Pringle, K. C., the Minister of Justice and The Manitoba Free Press, which, from its nature, is most important not alone to the Fort Frances Company, but to the Dominion at large.

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LADY ASTOR SPEAKS  
OF THE STATES AND  
WORLD LEAGUE PLAN

Plymouth, Eng., Dec. 13.—Addressing a Plymouth audience to-day for the first time since her election to Parliament, Lady Astor said she could not believe the United States is going to pull out of the League of Nations.

"I would like to go to the United States," she said, "and warn American women that if they really knew from first-hand knowledge what war means they would not allow the United States to pull out."

Mexicans Said to  
Hold Britisher and  
American For Ransom

Eagle Pass, Tex., Dec. 13.—Two Americans and a Britisher are reported among the men taken by Vilistas in a raid last Tuesday in Muzquiz, state of Coahuila, and who are now held for ransom.

Advice received here to-day said eight Mexicans also are held for ransom.

Ten thousand dollars each, it was reported, was demanded for release of the Americans and the Britisher and \$5,000 each for the Mexicans.

WILL NOT MIX IN  
RUSSIAN AFFAIRS

Italian Government Not Seeking  
Entanglement in That  
Quarter

Nitti Says Fiume Represents  
Ideal Sacred to All  
Italians

Rome, Dec. 13.—Premier Nitti declared in the Chamber of Deputies to-day that the Italian Government does not favor intervention in the internal affairs of Russia. The Premier's remarks were brought forth by a notable address made by Captain Giulietti, secretary of the Seamen's Federation and a Socialist, who was favorable to the war.

Captain Giulietti, who was responsible, with other officials, for the division to Flume of the steamship Persia, which was ostensibly destined to China, disclosed the incident to-day. It was believed at the time of the Persia's incident that the arms on board the ship were to be used against the Russian Bolsheviks.

Statement by Nitti.

After the captain's speech Premier Nitti said:

"I wish the name Flume would not be mixed up in our political discussion. Flume represents an ideal sacred to all of us regardless of party."

"In my opinion, we must interfere in the internal affairs of Russia. I refer to the Persia. I believe that the war materials on board were destined to China and she would have returned to Italy from Vladivostok with needed supplies. You Socialists have one opinion about Russia, and we have another, but I wish it understood we do not intend to mix in Russia's internal politics."

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COLD WAVE STILL  
FELT IN STATES

Large Part of Country Is  
Affected; Suffering Is  
Reported

Chicago, Dec. 13.—Continuation of the severe weather of the past few days in the Pacific Northwest and a return of sub-zero temperatures in the plains states and central and Southwest, with a rapid spread Eastward to-day, added to the suffering and the discomfort resulting from the present cold snap, and the fuel restrictions. In Washington and Oregon record cold weather reigns and below zero weather gripped Idaho, Utah, Nebraska, Wyoming, Montana, the Dakotas, Colorado, Iowa and Minnesota on toward the East. A strong North wind swept into the Southwest, bringing a cold wave that was expected to send thermometers to ten degrees below zero. In that section, too, many communities were reported without coal and with scant supplies of other fuel. Kansas, in the North-western part where much suffering has been reported, was the first to feel sub-zero weather after two days' relief from readings that were low.

Train Late.

In the plains states, West and Northwest, snow interfered with wire and rail communication. Union Pacific transcontinental trains were

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ATTITUDE OF ALLIES  
MAY HASTEN TREATY  
RATIFICATION BY U.S.European Allies and States May Find Common  
Ground on Reservation Question; U. S.  
Ambassador at Conference in London

London, Dec. 13.—John W. Davis, the American Ambassador, late this afternoon visited Downing Street, where Premiers Lloyd George and Clemenceau and their advisers were in conference. It was reported that the presence of Ambassador Davis was connected with proposals submitted from the conference to President Wilson yesterday which were said to render the peace treaty acceptable to general public opinion in the United States.

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SINKING VESSEL  
CALLS FOR AID

S. S. Messina, British; 430  
Miles From Newfoundland;  
Aid Slowly Approaches

New York, Dec. 13.—The British steamer Messina to-day sent out an S.O.S. call which was picked up here. The steamship Maplewood answered, saying she was making three knots an hour and would reach her in twenty hours.

The Messina gave her position as latitude 47.22 North and longitude 42.30 West, approximately 430 miles off Newfoundland.

The ship was in a sinking condition in the North Atlantic and would require aid. The message said it would be impossible to save her.

A Hurricane.

St. Johns, Nfld., Dec. 13.—For three days the northeast coast of Newfoundland has been swept by a north-west hurricane with great damage. The shore is strewn with wreckage, involving a loss of the life of 100 sailors and telegraph lines are down in many places. The strength of the storm is waning somewhat to-day.

The Leyland liner Mercian, which put in here yesterday with fire in one of her holds, is in the harbor covered with snow and ice. The conditions on the waterfront were so boisterous that it was impossible to make any examination to determine the extent of the fire damage.

Denikine's Success.

London, Dec. 13.—Brilliant cavalry raids by Gen. Denikine's Cossacks in the rear of the Bolshevik forces in the region of Kamyshev between December 1 and December 8, in which 2,300 prisoners were taken, are reported in a communication received from the Denikine headquarters to-day. A number of cannon and machine guns were taken by the raiders.

Another raid yielded 350 prisoners. The abandonment of Berdichev by the Denikine troops is admitted.

The vessel is of 3,172 net tons and was last reported at Barry on November 11.

GREEKS AND TURK OUTLAWS  
SKIRMISH IN ASIA MINOR

Salonica, Dec. 13.—Greek soldiers and Turkish irregulars have engaged in scattering skirmishes during the past two days in Western Asia Minor, according to an official statement issued at army headquarters here.

Turkish forces numbering 150 men attacked Greek positions about nine miles northwest of Soma yesterday and 300 other irregulars made an attack on Greek positions on the road from Kinik to Soma. After a three-hours' fight the Turks withdrew, leaving in the hands of the Greeks a large amount of material. One Greek soldier was killed and three wounded, while the bodies of four Turks were found on the field.

A Greek detachment has ousted a party of Turks which had occupied the heights north of Aiden and which had for two days maintained artillery fire upon the city. When the Greeks advanced the Turks retired in disorder. The Greek losses were lighted to three wounded soldiers, while the Turks lost several men, and in addition were forced to leave behind war material.



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102 DOUGLAS ST.**COLLECT ROYALTIES  
ON PETROLEUM NOW**

Ottawa, Dec. 13.—Provision for royalties on petroleum and natural gas, which have hitherto been taken, has been made in an Order-in-Council amending Sections 33 of the regulations governing disposal of oil royalties and gas rights in certain sections of the West. Sales of such products are now subject to such royalties as may from time to time be fixed by the Governor-in-Council.

J. F. MILLSPAUGH DIES.

Los Angeles, Dec. 13.—Jesse F. Millspaugh, a nationally known educator, died at his home here last night.

**WILL PAY INTEREST.**

Toronto, Dec. 13.—Creditors of the defunct Standard Reliance Loan Corporation will be paid by the Standard Reliance Assets, Ltd., in full, within six months of the last six months of 1918. Interest payments are to be made under date of January 1 at 5 per cent on creditors' claims of about \$5,000,000. The payment will involve about \$125,000.

**NELSON TRAIN SERVICE.**

Nelson, Dec. 13.—Owing to ice on the Arrow Lakes, the C. P. R. will put its winter schedule into effect Monday with local services for each of those lakes and a through service from Revelstoke to Nelson by way of Slocan Lake.

**CANADIANS HONORED  
FOR WAR SERVICES**Two Officers Made C.M.G.'s;  
Others Recognized For  
Their Deeds

London, Dec. 13.—The following honors have been gazetted: Companion of the Order of St. Michael and St. George—Lieut.-Col. Colin Harbottle, Central Ontario Regiment, and Lieut.-Col. Herbert Molson, of the Quebec Regiment.

Commander of the Order of the British Empire—Lieut.-Col. T. A. McVittie, 22nd Battalion.

Officer of the Order of the British Empire—Lieut.-Col. George Blackstock, Artillery; Captain Robert Ingles, 5th Battalion; Capt. Stuart Vernon, 47th Battalion.

Military Cross—Capt. Philip Conway, 5th Battalion; Lieut. Louis Lemieux, 22nd Battalion.

Bar to the Royal Red Cross—Elizabeth Russell, Taplow Hospital.

Royal Red Cross—Alice Hogarth, Orpington Hospital; Bertha Merriman, Elizabeth O'Dell.

Royal Red Cross, Second Class—Yvonne Beaudry, Bertha Bennett, Gertrude Belyard, Lelia Brown, Luelia Denton, Effie Dewar, Edna Dewey, Margaret Duffield, Edith Fraser, Estee Hammell, Ida Harcourt, Norma Harper, Annie Macdougal, Mabel Letia MacCormie, Margaret May, Fanny Page, Eva Patterson, Helming Rice, Mary Sunley, Elizabeth Thom, Ethel Thompson and Ethel Whitney.

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There still remain certain lists for services in the field since the armistice, and for gallantry in attempting to escape while in captivity, and also certain recommendations for the Royal Red Cross.

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The waxworks representing Miss Muffet, Simple Simon and The Queen of Hearts were exceedingly well received. The Queen of Hearts, in attempting to escape while in captivity, and also certain recommendations for the Royal Red Cross.

Recitations and afternoon tea for the grown-ups and cocoa for the Brownies completed a programme which brought in \$37 for the uniform fund.

Veterans' Social.

The Cowichan branch of the Great War Veterans' Association gave a very pleasant social in the Odd Fellows' Hall with the object of keeping the men in touch with one another and also with the view to reviving and renewing the interest of the men.

Mrs. Palmer, of Victoria, spoke on the work of the Women's Auxiliary in Victoria, telling the work women especially could do in relieving distress and for the widows and in helping to make pleasant social occasions for the veterans.

Mrs. Palmer also outlined what had proved a most successful plan of organization and financing a Woman's Auxiliary.

A programme had been arranged by the Monk, and a very enjoyable evening was spent followed by refreshments arranged by a committee of veterans.

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### AUSTRALIA'S ELECTIONS.

The result of the election which is being held to-day in Australia will be followed by the rest of the Empire with unusual interest and attention. It will demonstrate whether the Hughes Government is a rare exception or not from the rule that war-time administrations are doomed to defeat when they test public opinion during periods of reaction from war. There is, moreover, considerable interest in the political fortunes of the Prime Minister, Mr. Hughes, whose activities in London and Paris made him much more than a purely Australian national figure. It will be recalled that last month he encountered a strong feeling of hostility in Sydney in consequence of certain aspects of his policy in regard to returned soldiers, while there are bound to be other grounds of dissatisfaction with the Government in Australia, as with Governments elsewhere, due in many instances to inevitable conditions arising from the war.

To-day also will determine whether Mr. Hughes has founded in the Nationalists a permanent political party. The Government in the Commonwealth, as in other parts of the Empire, became a coalition during the war, consisting mainly of Liberals and those members of the Labor Party who decided to cast their lot with Mr. Hughes for the period of the conflict. The Government held its own in the election two years ago and if it should repeat the performance to-day it may be assured that the Nationalists will be substantially established as a political party. As the Union Government of Canada has similar aspirations Ottawa, no doubt, is unusually interested in what is going on in our sister Dominion to-day.

### MUST DO MORE.

Professor W. J. Black, chairman of the Dominion Soldier Settlement Board, must not imagine for one moment that he has disposed of the request placed before him by way of a resolution passed at Wednesday's meeting of the Provincial Returned Soldier Commission. He assumes that some of the returned men who have taken advantage of the Federal Act to settle in this Province were too optimistic over their prospects of success; that provision for the period between the taking up of land and producing commodities did not receive sufficient consideration by them when they made their contracts with the Board.

We were under the impression that each applicant for a loan under the Federal Act was obliged to satisfy the Board's expert examiners as to his ability to farm successfully. While no body is always able to foresee what measure of profit is likely to accrue from any venture it might take, it is assumed that when sixteen settlers—aided by the Dominion Act—in one day appeal to the Provincial Commission for funds to purchase the necessities of life one of two things has happened: Either the examining Board did not submit the applicant to a sufficiently searching inquiry or else there is a flaw in the Act.

Professor Black already has admitted that settlement in British Columbia, by reason of its physical peculiarities, presents many difficulties. Thus, as far as this Province is concerned, this phase of the Act's application emphasizes the flaw. In any case, there should be no delay on the part of the Board in seeing that these men are properly looked after from the fund now appropriated.

### JOHN GRANT.

The death of John Grant removes a pioneer whose name will figure conspicuously in the annals of this city. Four times mayor and for two terms a representative of Victoria in the Legislature, he was one of the leaders in the public life of the community in his time. A man of outstanding ability, force and exceptional popularity he undoubtedly would have won prominence in wider fields of political activity if he had remained in public life. During the early days of the gold excitement in the Yukon he went to Dawson where he remained until five or six years ago when he returned to this city. His death ends an unusually interesting career and his rugged, genial personality will be missed by a wide circle of friends and acquaintances who often will recall his political successes in the days when he was one of the best known figures in the public life of the Province.

### SHOULD COME OUT EARLY.

With one or two exceptions Victoria has very little idea of the personnel of candidates for municipal honors this year. The practice of keeping back public declarations until the eleventh hour appears to be too deeply rooted to permit of any change. Next year may be the most eventful in the history of the city and yet there is no visible sign of when the electorate will have an opportunity of hearing why aldermanic aspirants should or should not be elected to pilot the civic administration through 1920. As we have argued before, unless the candidate is prepared to "place his goods in the window" in good time the electorate remains at a distinct disadvantage. The municipal election is just as important as the provincial and the federal election and those who say for Government should be given a chance to judge, in ample time, the merit of every candidate for office.

### VERY RARE.

The Canadian Courier publishes the pictures of two industrial magnates from Wales, who propose to establish two mills on Ashbridge's Bay, Toronto, to manufacture tin and granite plates for the trade in Canada and the United States, to employ several thousand men, to ask no bonuses, exemptions or even a protective tariff. Men willing to invest millions without asking for bonuses, exemptions or a protective tariff are so rare in this country that those two Welsh magnates should be commemorated by the erection of a pair of lofty obelisks on Parliament Hill, Ottawa.

Mr. J. Allen Parkinson, Labor M. P. for Wigan, offers the novel suggestion that all persons possessing wealth should lend a percentage to the State free of interest for a period of twenty-five years. There is logic in the proposal, but we can picture the popularity that the British Chancellor of the Exchequer would earn for himself were he to take Mr. Parkinson seriously and drop a short Bill into the House of Commons.

General satisfaction will be felt locally at the decision of the Pacific Steamship Company to include Victoria as a port of call for the Admiral Line of Steamships. Suspension of the service since September last has imposed upon travellers from this Province to California the necessity of taking separate passage by boat or train to Seattle in order to make the southern connection.

The Monetary Times predicts an early drop in the price of commodities including food, pointing out that such a period of readjustment after the upward tendency which followed the armistice is inevitable. "Sooner or later," it says, "supply must catch up with demand, and prices must fall. If past experience is to be repeated, therefore the inference is that this condition is close at hand."

It sounds funny to hear people who come from districts where the thermometer often registers forty below zero declare that they "never have felt so cold anywhere as they have here during the last few days." As a matter of fact they would not be here if the cold in the places they came from was no worse than it has been on the coast during this visitation of the Frost King.

Expensive money is no deterrent to British Columbia enterprise. No less than nineteen new companies were incorporated during the week. Nor did the rise in the British bank rate have any effect on speculation there. The week following its increase to six per cent. new issues amounting to £5,229,500 made their appeals to the public from the press of the country.

Two hundred million pounds sterling were offered to Premier Lloyd George a few days ago by a Scotsman acting for a "trust" composed of Scottish and American millionaires. The money was intended for investment in housing proposals at a rate below the current market rate. There has been no evidence that the offer was accepted. British Columbia would welcome the two hundred million for promoting the manufacture here of wooden houses for Great Britain.

Mohammed VI. took particular pains the other day to shake off all association with the hotheads of the Germanic school. His heir apparent, Prince Farouk, now has wedded the Sultan's daughter and announces that he intends to abolish the hareem system and content himself with one wife only. It will take a good deal more than these manifestations of reform to convince the Supreme Council of the Peace Conference that the Armenian atrocities were only a dream.

There are still those pessimists who regard the value of the British pound sterling in New York very much in the same light as they would contemplate the entry of a victorious German army into the city of London. When the British importer begins to tire of paying a sovereign for fifteen shillings and sixpence worth of goods the United States exporter will begin to tire of scooping the pool at the expense of the permanent home market.

The terms of the armistice required Germany to surrender 5,000 field guns of all calibres, 25,000 machine guns, and 1,700 aeroplanes; also 5,000 motor lorries, 5,000 locomotives and 150,000 railroad cars. The German navy has virtually disappeared and German ports are blockaded. Obviously, what resistance to the Peace Terms Germany is capable of now would have to be passive resistance.

Just before the recent Federal by-election in North Ontario an Ottawa dispatch naively observed that while a Government defeat would have no significance, the defeat of the United Farmer candidate would be a serious thing for the United Farmers Party. At the time we were unable to grasp the fine distinction drawn in the dispatch, for at this distance it looked as if the defeat of the Union Government candidate would have more significance than that of a United Farmer candidate. However, the candidate was elected, so there was no occasion for the solicitude of the Government over the United Farmers Party.

### COST OF SHORTER HOURS.

(Philadelphia Record.)

It is the argument of the Bolshevik and near-Bolshevik that shorter hours will make room for more workers, and that the demand for more workers will raise the wages scale. Then, of course, if the wage scale is raised workers will be able to live comfortably and with added leisure on what they earn in shorter hours. Fine! But the price of commodities doesn't properly enter into this half-baked thought. Shortening the hours of labor always increases the cost of the product. At the advanced price the demand declines, for there are fewer who can afford to buy it, and so, eventually, the jobs become fewer. If the short-hour men followed this idea to its logical conclusion they would approach the proposition that since "the shorter the hours the greater the wealth" we should all soon be rich enough to quit work entirely. What we really need is to get back to the old-fashioned principles and be satisfied to do a decent day's work with decent pay for it.

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#### Yakima Valley.

Yakima, Wash., Dec. 12.—With a temperature of twenty-four degrees below zero in this city and much less in other parts of the valley, Yakima to-day has the coldest December in its history. It is estimated that eighteen per cent. of the people in the city have broken windows and a number of explosions, caused by efforts to get more heat out of the old stoves, have been reported. All potatoes and other vegetables pitted throughout the valley are said to be a total loss and it is believed by H. R. Norder, one of the leading fruit authorities, that fruit or vegetables stored by farmers in their warehouses likewise are frozen. Fruit kept in warehouses in the city in which fires were maintained all night is said to be safe.

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The fuel situation here, while not critical, was giving Fuel Administration officials some concern and preparations were being made for inauguration of light and fuel restrictions starting Monday.

#### Restrictions Removed.

Chicago, Dec. 12.—Orders removing all restrictions on the use of light, heat and power from bituminous coal in the entire northwest region were issued this morning by T. W. Proctor and G. W. Reed, of the Regional Coal Committee. The orders will take effect at 12:01 o'clock Monday morning. The orders were sent to all public utilities and railroads in the region.

#### Train Service.

Chicago, Dec. 12.—Full passenger service over all railroads in the northwest region will be resumed at 12:01 o'clock next Thursday morning. P. S. Eustis, chairman of the Western Passenger Association, made this announcement after conferring to-day with H. S. Ashton, Regional Railroad Administrator here.

#### As Available.

Washington, Dec. 12.—All industries must be supplied coal for their emergency needs as far as coal is available in any section of the United States for that purpose, under orders issued to-day by the Central Coal Committee. The order removes the restrictions which have denied coal to all industries except those in the five preferred classes.

#### At Portland.

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The Columbia River at Vancouver, Wash., is frozen over. The Willamette is filled with ice, preventing movement of river boats. Trains are departing and arriving, but not on schedule.

Reports from other points in the state indicate continued cold weather but abatement of the snow. Marshfield, Ore., still is isolated.

#### MAY BE CARDINAL.

Ottawa, Dec. 12.—After a papal assembly here, presided over by Mr. Justo de Maria, Apostolic Delegate to Canada, the story was not denied that Monsignor Alfred Siennott, Archbishop of Winnipeg, may be created a Cardinal at the consistory at Rome on next Monday.

#### GERMAN DELEGATION.

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## GIFTED CONDUCTOR FOR VANCOUVER

William Raven Was Former Leader of Orchestra Under Mascagni

Vancouver music circles have received an important addition during the week by the arrival of William Raven from London, Eng. Though still a young man he has held many important appointments which have brought him before the public in both Great Britain and continental Europe. He was for some time conductor of the Scottish Symphony Orchestra of Edinburgh, a professional orchestra of sixty-five performers, and was conductor of Riviere's orchestra, pier and pavilion, Colwyn Bay, one of Britain's famous resorts at which appeared all the world's big artists. He was also leader of the Royal Italian Opera in Italy under Mascagni's personal conductorship in "Cavalleria Rusticana" and "L'Amico Fritz." He has also had many years' experience on the principal desks of the leading British orchestras under Sir Henry Wood, Nickisch, Richter, Richard Strauss, Landor Ronald, Safanoff and Sir Edward Elgar.

Mr. Raven is well known as an operatic conductor and few of the better known operas there are that have not been rendered under his baton. He is also a violinist of attainments, having studied at the Such Conservatoire of Cologne, and in later years with Henley. As a soloist he has gained distinction. For twelve years he conducted the Earl of Craven's private band. His wife has been in the city for several weeks and is a gifted dress designer. Mrs. Raven's parents are residents of Golden, having come to British Columbia from London several years ago. She had the distinction of winning the Trinity College scholarship, which covers a period of three years' tuition.

## THE SICK SOVEREIGN

A SOLILOQUY AFTER HOURS  
IN A BANK.

From The London Daily Chronicle

It was late at night, and over the last counting house of the bank a silence had fallen that was disturbed only by the languid movements of a belated teller checking the last bundle of soiled notes.

Getting down from his stool he took a bunch of keys from his pocket, fitted one into the lock, and was about to give the drawer a push to close it when a faint sound stopped him. It was a groan. For a moment he listened intently. He heard nothing, and was about to close the drawer when again that long-drawn groan made itself audible.

This time the bank clerk was almost certain the sound came from the drawer. He peered into its depth, and to his astonishment saw a quite unusual sight in bank tills to-day—a sovereign.

### The Good Days of Old.

"I'm a sick sovereign," it said in thin metallic tones. "Not worth half what I was. Sick and precious sorry for it. But what can you expect after four years of war and nearly a year of armistice? Before the war I was half fellow well met all the world over. Worth my twenty shillings sterling in every capital of the world. Ah! those were the days. Welcome everywhere I was, and everybody glad to get me." The tones trailed off to a moan.

"It was good in those far-off peaceful days to find oneself in the palm of an honest toiler and hear his chuckle of joy. The fond appreciation one got when one stood in the waiscoat pocket of a good trader. And when one travelled! The eagerness of the foreigner to possess one. Always a royal welcome!"

"And now! Only the other day I was greeted with the cry of 'Short-winded dugout. Won't go half the distance of the old pre-war guid.' And nearly every day I have to read insulting paragraphs in the newspapers about my lessened value."

### A Working Man's Grumble.

A deep groan punctuated the coin's settling. "Why, only yesterday a working man was grumbling to his wife about me, as if it were my fault that I am so wretchedly below par. He had got a new 'Fisher' in his paws. 'One pound!' he was saying. 'Bah! it's ten shillings, that's all it is. Worth less than that with all these profiteers about!' And I had to listen to the man's abuse in silence. If only I could have told him to get a move on. If only I could get hold of the Albert Hall for a night and make a long speech to our working classes and manufacturers. I would soon let them know how they could put me right. It's work, work, work. That's the medicine for me."

"The tonic I want is Trade. British business—that's the stuff to give sick sovereigns. A few months of that sort of thing, and I should be my old self again. A real 20-shilling pound. It's up to the workers to set me on my old financial legs again. Let them give me plenty of physic out of the old bottle labelled 'Work,' and I'll undertake to give them as they lay in business circumstances—complete satisfaction in every respect and full value for their money."

"That last spoken," said the first guest at the banquet, "was quite entertaining."

"Yes," replied the other, "and he's a self-made man, too."

"I thought his delivery rather slow, though."

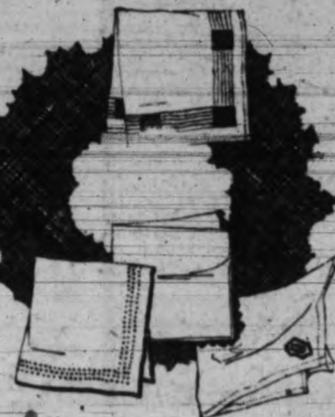
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Forty inches wide. At a yard, \$5.75, \$6.75 and \$8.75. A splendid quality.

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Thirty-six inches wide; in brown, Burgundy, green, old rose, Copenhagen and reseda.

At a yard, \$1.50.

## A Splendid Assortment of Men's Neckwear Christmas Gifts of Quality

We have just received a shipment of men's neckwear in which all the best and newest lines in ties are represented.

**Ties**—In a large assortment of designs, including stripes and fancy patterns. Only a limited number at these prices. Specially priced at each, 75¢ to \$1.00.



### Four-in-Hand Ties

For boys or men: Derby style ties, in plain colors of brown, blue, grey, black, white, etc. Special at each, 50¢ Men's Belts—Fitted with plain and fancy buckles; most appropriate gifts for men or boys. At each, 50¢ to \$1.75

—Men's Furnishings, Main Floor, Broad

## An Overdue Shipment of Men's "Union" Flannel Shirts Has Just Arrived

This newly received shipment will provide an extra attractive offering for the Christmas gift buyer who is looking for a "worth while" practical gift for a man.

The shirts are patterned in light and medium stripes and made from the best of heavy imported "Union" flannel; the style shows a turn-down, reversible collar attached, band cuffs and neat pocket. At each \$4.00

The same shirt, made with white soft neckband, and provided with one soft collar to match the shirt. At each \$4.35

—Men's Furnishings, Main Floor, Broad

### Heavy Elastic Ribbed Shirts and Drawers at a Garment \$2.00

**Shirts and Drawers**—In a wool mixture that is excellent value at the price. The style is a very heavy elastic rib knit and will prove a comfortable weight for present wear. You will appreciate them at a garment \$2.00

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## Christmas Gift Suggestions in the House Furnishings Axminster Rugs at \$5.95

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**Couch Covers**—Of a most serviceable quality: in a choice assortment of colors. At each, \$3.90, \$4.25 and \$4.30

—House Furnishings, Second Floor

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### PIVER'S

We have just opened up our new shipment of Piver's perfumes and face powders, etc., now in stock, including specially attractive packages for Christmas gifts. A package of R. & G. perfume is sure to be appreciated.

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 Apples By the Box—Cox's Orange, Belle Fleur, Rome Beauty and Jonathans. Up from \$1.25

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 Cocomut and Maple Fudge, regular, per lb., 45¢, special, per lb., 32¢

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 Best Cooking Eggs, per doz. Pure Lard, per lb. 40¢  
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 Nice Fresh Mincemeat, per lb. 81¢ New Sun Maid Seeded Raisins, 24¢  
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**LADY ALDERSON CHAPTER**  
**WILL HOLD "AT HOME"**

An "At Home" and sale of work has been arranged by the Lady Alderson Chapter, I. O. D. E., and will be held by the kindness of Mrs. J. W. Corning, an officer of the chapter, at her residence, "Stoneyhurst," Rockland Avenue, on Friday next from 3 till 6 p. m. The Chapter has some very pretty curios, supplied by

Creating a Disturbance.—John Handley appeared in the police court this morning charged with creating a disturbance on Yates Street shortly after midnight. He was remanded until Monday.

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 SALTY CRISP DELICIOUS  
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Theft of Robes on Radiators.—The Island Automobile Association announces that it will be pleased to pay the standing award of \$50 for information leading to the detection of the theft of robes and other articles left upon radiators with the purpose of preventing them getting chilled during the cold weather.

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**Malted Milk for Infants**

A safe milk diet, better than cow's milk alone. Contains rich milk and malted grain extract.

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**CHRISTMAS PARTY TO  
 SAILORS' CHILDREN**

Navy League Chapter, I. O. D. E., Shows Interest in Men's Dependents

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 December Birthstone, Turquoise Meaning Prosperity and Success.

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After the ceremony a reception was held at the home of the bride's parents. Mrs. May wore a striking toilette of taupe cloth with becoming hat and was assisted in receiving her guests by Mrs. Moss, who wore black satin with smart toque. A handsome fox-trimmed seal coat, and Mrs. Averill, attired in a smart costume of grey and white. Lieut.-Col. Moss proposed the health of the bride during the wedding luncheon. The young couple were the recipients of many beautiful gifts.

Later Capt. and Mrs. McConnell left for Victoria, the bride travelling in a lovely suit of peacock blue jersey cloth with close-fitting hat to match. After a honeymoon in this city they will take up their residence in Vancouver.

The West Saanich Women's Institute will hold a dance on Saturday at 8.30 p. m., December 13th, at Agricultural Hall, Saanichton. A goose for a tombola. Bazaar in the afternoon.

Ladies' Auxiliary to Army and Navy Veterans will meet at the home of Mrs. J. C. Wilson, 1415 Monterey Avenue, on Tuesday, December 16, at 2 o'clock, to make final arrangements for bazaar, and will hold general meeting at 5 o'clock in the Army and Navy rooms, Pemberton Building.

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Engineering Institute.—The second of the monthly receptions will be held by the Victoria Branch of the Engineering Institute of Canada at the Knights of Columbus Hall, Fort Street, on December 22. It is hoped that as many members as possible will attend and that the evening will be spent as enjoyably as the last one.

Victoria Farmers' Institute.—There will be a meeting of the Victoria Farmers' Institute in the council chamber, Royal Oak, at 8 o'clock Wednesday next. The principal business will be the election of officers.

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## COUNCIL TO DECIDE ON LINKS ON MONDAY

Will Determine How Money  
Needed for Municipal Golf  
Will Be Secured

Whether the proposed municipal golf links will be paid for out of general revenue or with money borrowed for the purpose probably will be decided at the meeting of the City Council on Monday night.

At the last meeting of the Council a report on the matter framed by the Finance Committee, was adopted. This report provided that the opinion of the electors on the advisability of establishing a municipal golf links be sought, and that the Council decide whether the cost of establishing the course, should be paid out of general revenue or out of funds borrowed for the purpose. This decision has not yet been made.

It was suggested that the electors vote on the question of how the money would be obtained. This, it was argued, however, would mean the submission of two by-laws, one to determine whether the course should be established at all and the second to decide the source of the money involved.

In view of the city's strained financial position, it is probable that the Council will decide to borrow the money and will ask the people to authorize the issue of the debentures involved. In the meantime, the City Solicitor is drawing up a by-law to cover the question.

### JOHNSON STREET BRIDGE

Premier Oliver Insists Upon an  
Agreement That Is Clear in  
Every Particular

City Solicitor Pringle and a number of the Aldermen waited upon Premier Oliver yesterday afternoon in connection with the Johnson Street Bridge agreement, the subject of discussion being a number of provisions which the Premier considered should be treated in the agreement itself.

The point on which Mr. Oliver is emphatic is that there shall be no ambiguity in the clauses which provide for the hauling of freight over the street cars through the city's portion of the bridge. He objects to the elimination of the word "railway" as defined by the Canadian Pacific Railway Co., a view in which the City Solicitor and the Council are in accord.

Great wealth and little health make a pitiful combination.

## PEACE RIVER SECTION IN NEED OF RAILWAY

Million Bushels of Wheat Must  
Bear Twenty-five Per Cent.  
For Transportation

Because of an absence of railway transportation one million bushels of wheat in the Pouce Coupe district of the Peace River section will cost twenty-five per cent. of its value to transport. This was the information given to Premier Oliver this morning by a resident of the locality now in the city.

The Premier was urged to complete the P. G. E. to the Peace River section, and to make a preliminary survey as to when the railway will tap the fertile acres which await it. It is having the effect of hindering development to a very considerable extent.

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Pine cough syrup are combinations of pine and syrup. The "syrup" part is usually plain sugar syrup.

To make the pine cough remedy that money can buy, put 2½ ounces pine (25 cents worth) in a 16-oz. bottle and fill with water—no medicine syrup. You can use clarified molasses, honey, or corn syrup, instead of sugar syrup. Either way, you make it for 25¢. It is pure, good and very pleasant—children take it eagerly and can easily take it when it is cold or cold in a way that means business. The cough may be dry, hoarse and tight, and may be caused by a cold from the formation of phlegm. The cause is in the same—inflamed membranes—and this pine and syrup combination will quickly cure a bad cold, less. Splendid, too, for bronchial asthma, hoarseness, or any ordinary throat ailment.

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## TWO CANDIDATES FOR REEVESHIP

Messrs. Diggon and Watson  
Agree to Submit Claims to  
Ratepayers' Organization

Movement Now on Foot to  
Run Ticket in Civic  
Election

Ex-Councillor Harold M. Diggon is definitely in the field for the reevechip of Saanich. As intimated in another column, the Ward One Ratepayers' Association has endorsed the candidature of Councillor G. F. Watson for the same position.

In view of the fact that the policies of the two men are practically identical, and that neither of them is

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Speculation with regard to the election is becoming rife with the approach of the new year. As far as the City Council is concerned most of the aldermen refuse to state their intention. It is understood that Mayor Porter will stand again for the mayoralty, and so far no opponent has made himself known. Alderman Harvey had intended to offer himself for the position, but later appears to have withdrawn.

Alderman Sargent has been regarded as a probable candidate for the mayoralty, but, when questioned this morning, answered that it was too early to make any statement. Alderman Sargent has made no statement on the matter, but it is understood he is not disposed to continued municipal activity. At one time Alderman Andros intimated that he would not run again for the Council, and there was some talk of him being in the field for the Police Commission. It is generally understood now, however, that he will try for his seat in the Council again, but he refused to tell newspaper reporters what he was going to do. Alderman Patrick has been mentioned as a candidate for the mayoralty, but has no intention of running for that position. Judging by the remarks of the various aldermen, it is probable that practically the whole Council will be in the field again.

Outsiders to Run.

Besides the present aldermen there will be a number of outside candidates seeking office. Among these are J. A. Shanks and J. Ivan Seabrook, who, so far as is known, will run independent of any organization.

The Comrades of the Great War have endorsed Sergeant G. Ingledew as their candidate, while H. J. Young will run on behalf of the Army and Navy Veterans. Lieut. H. W. Roston is the nominee of the Great War Veterans' Association. All these soldier candidates will have to be approved by the Ex-Service Council before they will receive the final endorsement of the organizations whom they would especially represent.

Two women who have the endorsement of the Local Council of Women will be in the field. The names of these candidates, however, have not been announced yet.

School Board Changes.

Important changes will occur in the personnel of the School Board this year, on account of the intended withdrawal of Trustees C. B. Deaville, Chairman of the Finance Committee, and R. W. Perry. The present intention of these gentlemen is to withdraw but it is understood that Mr. Perry has made no final decision.

At least three candidates will be in the field for one vacant position on the Police Commission, which will be open on account of the expiration of R. S. Day's two-year term.

These are Mr. Day, himself, A. M. Gregg and A. G. Spelling, the last named on behalf of the veterans.

An undertaking was made between the two candidates named that they would not prosecute their candidature in the meantime.

At the present time an effort is being made to secure suitable candidates for the vacancies in the School Board. There is a certainty of three, and a prospect of a fourth vacancy.

At present no new candidate is in sight.

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man, as reported in your columns, is adequately refuted by the first tenet of the Christian Science Church, to be found on page 497 of Science and Health, and which reads as follows:

"As adherents of Truth, we take the inspired word of the Bible as our sufficient guide to eternal Life."

I thank you for the space in which to make this correction.

SAMUEL GREENWOOD.

Dec. 12, 1919.

**NOT EXCESSIVE.**

To the Editor:—I enclose a copy of the report submitted by a committee appointed by the above association to enquire into a case of alleged excessive homework, the details of which were given in your paper a short time ago. As this was copied by Vancouver and Winnipeg newspapers, I am instructed to ask you, in fairness to the teacher concerned, if you will kindly publish this report.

Thanking you in anticipation of your courtesy.

W. H. WILSON,  
Hon. Sec.

**Report on Case of Alleged Excessive Homework.**

The assignment of lessons complained of was carefully examined with the result that while on the face of it the amount of homework required appears excessive, but when the teacher's method of assigning lessons is understood it ceases to be so.

The assignment of lessons, which took place on September 21 or 22, 1918, between the latterly officiated by Germans on Mount Carmel, and five mounted squadrons of Indian troops.

While personally attached to a British regiment engaged elsewhere, Mr. White states that proof of the engagement is shown in the many new graves in the cemetery below the famous monastery.—Ed.

enter the town from the sea on September 25, 1918.

E. C. BOSWELL,  
Late Lieut. R. N. V. R.

The subject of Lieut. Boswell's letter was an interview published on Monday with Lieut. H. J. H. White, a member of the Expeditionary force in Palestine. Lieut. White had referred to an engagement in the plain below Mount Carmel.

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J. EMERY.

416 Parry Street.

416 Parry Street, Dec. 8, 1919.

**NOT A CANDIDATE.**

To the Editor:—Please allow me sufficient space to state in connection with the announcement in your columns recently to the effect that I am a candidate for aldermanic honors in the forthcoming civic elections, that this announcement was a little premature and incorrect. In that I am not a candidate owing to the fact that I am unable to see my way clear to accept the honor which my comrades wished to confer upon me.

H. W. M. ROLSTON.

Victoria, B. C., Dec. 11, 1919.

**MOUNT CARMEL ENGAGEMENT.**

To the Editor:—Just a word to correct an impression conveyed in the article appearing in The Times yesterday. There was no battle on the plain below Mount Carmel, in fact no fighting was necessary at Haifa as the Turks had already retreated.

I speak with knowledge on this subject as I was among the first to

The position taken by this gentle-

**ENGINEER REPLIES.**

To the Editor:—Replying to the Esquimalt Waterworks Company's letter, signed by the secretary, E. B. Halsall, which appeared in your issue of the 12th inst., and in which he refers to a press report of my re-

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port to the General Works Committee of the Esquimalt Council on the 1st inst., I beg to state, firstly, that before Mr. Halsall rushes into print it would be best for him to first ascertain the facts of my report. As far as the press report is concerned, to my knowledge the reporters never saw the report or heard it read.

Mr. Halsall quotes from the press report and states that I said the mains are small and the pressure low. The first part of his sentence, speaking of the distribution system as a whole, is correct. The second part he fails to state what pressure I was referring to—whether normal or running—there being a great deal of difference between the two.

I beg to quote from the Board of Underwriters' report as submitted to the Council last Spring, and from tests carried out by them: The average pressure of those hydrants tested were as follows: Normal 20 and running 41. The hydrants are 4-inch. Of two tests made on the 4-inch mains, normal and running pressures, were as follows: Normal 20 and 100 running 20 and 21 lbs. per square inch. In my report I stated that "the pump would increase the capacity of the mains somewhat, but this is limited to the size of the mains, and that although the pump might work satisfactorily on the large mains it would produce poor results where the hydrants are connected with the 4-inch mains." Mr. Halsall fails to state the running pressure; the reason is obvious for he knows from the results of these tests that a pump attached to the hydrant located on the 4-inch mains would prove unsatisfactory, as they are of too limited capacity.

The main arteries, according to the Board of Underwriters' report, are 10.9 and 7-inch with 6.5, 4-inch dead-end branches. In addition to these there are about five miles of streets served with mains from two down to one inch in diameter. The 10.9 and 7-inch mains are on the following streets: 16-inch, Lampson Street, Craigleath on Old Esquimalt Road, 5-inch on Admiral Road, north of Esquimalt Road, and 7-inch on the whole of the Esquimalt Road, the balance of the system, from figures submitted in the Board's report, "6-inch, 2,766 feet; 5-inch, 1,590 feet, and 4-inch, 18,400 feet."

To prove that what I stated in my report was correct I will quote from the following authority on this subject: A. Prescott Folwell says in his work on "Water Supply Engineering," 1917 edition, page 406, speaking of the location of hydrants: "They are generally placed upon the same side of the street as is the pipe (this giving the shortest pipe or branch). The branch pipe may be four inches for 2½-inch nozzles only, but if a fire engine nozzle is furnished on a hydrant no less than 6-inch pipe should be used." On page 411 he states: "A 6-inch line should not extend for more than 600 to 1,000 feet, nor a 4-inch for more than 400 to 500 feet between principal mains."

I could quote other authorities to the same effect, but this is unnecessary.

When speaking of the distribution system I was speaking of the existing system as adapted to fire protection for the whole of the district, and not after the improvements which Mr. Halsall points out will be carried after the district is developed, and I still maintain that the present mains, with the exception of those noted above, are of too limited a capacity to justify the corporation going to the expense of purchasing a pumping fire apparatus.

With regard to advising the Council not to purchase fire apparatus, my opinion was not asked. I submitted my report from data available and the Council acted on that. I may add that the pressure that Mr. Halsall talks of would be the same on a half-inch main as off one 40 inches in diameter.

H. F. BOURNE,  
Municipal Engineer, Corporation of the Township of Esquimalt.

Dec. 12, 1919.

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The City Council recently passed by-laws making it compulsory for such establishments to close at six o'clock on Saturdays and decided that the ordinance would come into effect on the first day of the new year. Since the date of passage, however, civic officials have discovered that the Act provides that the by-law must come into effect not earlier than one week after passage and not later than two weeks. As a result, the Council is under the necessity of taking up the matter again and changing the date on which the measures will become operative. Notices of motion forecasting these changes were posted at the City Hall to-day.

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ONCE upon a time we will not say what time but it is some years ago now—a certain lecturer and critic was announced to speak in Toronto upon "Canadian Literature."

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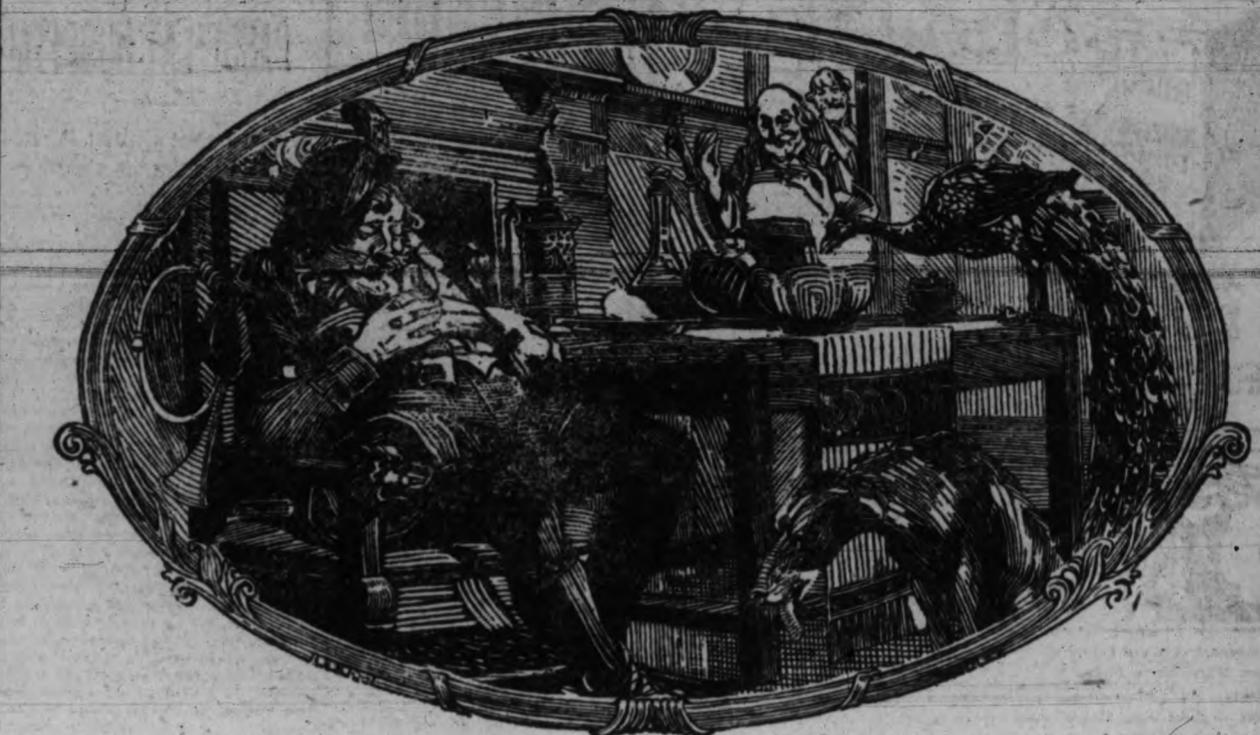
"In approaching this subject it is, of course, necessary to state that, strictly speaking Canada has no literature!"

Whether anything has happened since to make this melancholy critic change his mind we do not know. Probably not. His attitude toward Canada as a country without a literature of her own is one which might legitimately provide subject for debate, with much to be said on the affirmative side. But at present we are not debating, and will try to say a few simple things without stumbling too much over the word "literature." There is, of course, a sense in which this high word can include nothing which falls below a classical standard of excellence, that solid weight of concealed opinion which bears the signet of the years and which makes a work in our limited sense of the word "immortal." We shall not argue how much or how little of our Canadian literary effort is immortal. Neither shall we turn aside to discuss the "Canadian." Whether, for instance, a book about Timbuctoo by a writer living in Canada would be a Canadian book, or what exactly would be the status of a book on Canada written by a Chinaman. For the purposes of what we wish to say it is sufficient to state that probably when most of us speak of Canadian literature we think of a book about Canada written by a citizen (not necessarily native) of this country. It is also probable that when we speak of Canadian literature we mean simply such literary effort as has been considered sufficiently good to be published by a first-class house and to receive an encouraging amount of bona fide attention from the critics or from the reading public.

A Creditable Output.

This, you will object, is not putting the matter upon a very high level, but at least, it gives us from the pitfalls of debate as to what is and what is not pure literature. It also leaves us free to say that from this standpoint anyway Canada has a very considerable output to her credit. She has, according to our definition, a growing number of poets, novelists, essayists, and critics who live in Canada, and write readily but with varying standards of excellence about things Canadian. It must be left largely for time to tell us how much of this writing is really valuable, how much, in fact, is Canadian literature in the higher sense. At present we read or do not read; we like or do not like, entirely guided by our own personal taste or by the taste of the periodicals we patronize.

Stating the case thus simply it is hard to see why there should be, on the part of many people, a curious reluctance to read or buy Canadian literary output. Speak to any library attendant and he or she will tell of this coldness towards purely Canadian books—"I don't want anything Canadian!"—it is a phrase often heard in bookstores and in libraries. This reluctance is probably due to the old reason which applies equally to prophets and potatoes. Only, in Canada, we began to boost our potatoes some time ago! Is the time coming when we shall be less reticent about our own prophets too? We think it is. There are many indications of it. Already there are an increasing number of readers who, when offered a Canadian book say: "Well—yes, I suppose I really ought to read it." This sounds cold, but in reality is a great step forward. It is always possible for a duty to become a pleasure. And here is where the Canadian author gets the chance he asks for. "If he can give this dutiful reader a book which is interesting, well-written and worth while, he has gained a public of one, or of one million, as the case may be. A good



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### A BEDTIME STORY

#### UNCLE WIGGLY AND THE DUSTER.

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It was two days before Christmas when Nurse Jane Fuzzy Wuzzy, the muskrat lady, came into the sitting room of the hollow stump bungalow, where she was housekeeper for Uncle Wiggly Longears, the bunny rabbit gentleman.

"Excuse me, Mr. Longears, but are

you very busy?" Nurse Jane wanted to know.

"Why, not so very," answered the bunny. "May I have the pleasure of doing anything for you?" he asked, with a low and polite bow of his pink twinkling nose.

"I want to send a Christmas cake over to Grandpa Goosy Gander,"

"I have baked two, and as one is enough for us, I thought you might like to take him the other."

"Indeed I would like it very much, and I'm sure Grandpa Goosy would like it, too," spoke Uncle Wiggly.

"I'll get on my hat and coat and take the Christmas cake right over to him."

"I'll go out in the kitchen and wrap it up," said Nurse Jane. "It looks as if it were going to snow, and I don't want Grandpa Goosy's Christmas cake spoiled."

So while Uncle Wiggly pulled his red white and blue striped rheumatism crutch out from behind the piano, where it had gone to sleep, Nurse Jane skidded out in the kitchen and began getting one of the two Christmas cakes ready for Uncle Wiggly to take over to Grandpa Goosy.

At once the telephone bell rang, and Uncle Wiggly called out:

"I'll answer it for you, Nurse Jane! Keep right on doing up the cake. I'm almost ready to start!"

Uncle Wiggly went to the telephone and said:

"Hello!"

"Hello!" came back the answer.

"Oh, Uncle Wiggly," went on the voice, "there's such a lot of trouble at our house! Please send Nurse Jane over!"

"Who are you, and what's the matter?" asked the bunny, for he was not sure if it was talking at the other end of the telephone.

"I am Sammie Littletail," was the answer. "My sister Susie has a thorn in her paw, from eating a prickly pear. Please ask Nurse Jane to come over and help get the thorn out of Susie's paw!"

"I'll do that right away!" said the bunny gentleman. "I'll send Nurse Jane right over! Goodness, me,



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fratious sakes alive and some roast chestnuts. It isn't any fun to have a sliver in your paw at Christmas time!"

Uncle Wiggly hurried out to the kitchen, where Nurse Jane was wrapping up the Christmas cake.

"Hop along, Nurse Jane! Hop along!" called Uncle Wiggly to his musical lady housekeeper. "You're wanted over at Susie Littletail's house! Silver! Paw! Christmas coming! Too bad! Hurry!"

"My goodness!" exclaimed the muskrat lady. "You're as excited as if the chimney were on fire. I'll soon get the sliver out of Susie's paw. There's the cake all wrapped up on the table. Take it to Grandpa Goosy," she said.

Then Nurse Jane hurried over the fields to the home of the Littletail rabbits, and Uncle Wiggly, after giving his pink nose an extra twinkle or two, to make his ears warmer, got ready to go to Grandpa Goosy's.

"Let me see," he remarked as he went out to the kitchen after putting on his tall, white hat. Nurse Jane said Grandpa Goosy's cake was on the table. This must be it," he went on, as he saw a package which had on it, in large letters, the word:

CAKE.

"I am afraid that without my glasses," said Uncle Wiggly, whose spectacles were in his pocket. "This is Grandpa Goosy's cake all right."

So tucking the bundle under his paw, the bunny rabbit gentleman started across the fields and through the woods toward his friend's home.

Uncle Wiggly had not gone very far before, all of a sudden, out from behind a thorn bush jumped the old Bazump again.

"Oh, ho!" howled the Bazump. "You can't get away from me this time! You haven't any feather duster, to tickle me with now; have you, Uncle Wiggly?"

"No," sadly answered the bunny. "I haven't."

"What have you?" asked the Bazump, most impolitely.

"A Christmas cake for Grandpa Goosy Gander," spoke the bunny gentleman.

"Oh, ho! You are mistaken," gurgled the bumpy Bazump. "That Christmas cake is for me! I'll eat it all up and then I'll nibble some souse off your ears!"

With that, and showing what bad manners he had, the Bazump grabbed the bundle from Uncle Wiggly's paws, and, not stopping to open it, the bad chap took a big bite. And then, all of a sudden, a very queer look came over the face of the Bazump.

"Oh, wow! Oh, wouch! Oh, tooth-picks and trolley cars!" he howled.

"Talk about Christmas! I've bitten into a cake of soap!" And away he ran to stuff soap and icicles in his mouth and wash out the funny taste.

"Cake of soap!" exclaimed Uncle Wiggly, puzzled like. "I wonder how that happened?" He put on his glasses and looked at the bundle he had taken from Nurse Jane's kitchen table. Surely enough printed on the wrapping paper it said:

CAKE OF SOA.

"Dear me," said Uncle Wiggly, smiling like. "I don't see that word soap. And perhaps it is as well I didn't."

Then the bunny picked up the soap which the Bazump had bitten and took it back to the hollow stump bungalow. By this time Nurse Jane had returned from getting the sliver out of Susie's paw.

"Oh, what a funny mistake you made, Uncle Wiggly!" laughed the muskrat lady. "Here is Grandpa Goosy's Christmas cake on the end of the table!" and she gave the bunny the right package this time. And Grandpa Goosy liked it very much.

So if Santa Claus doesn't get stuck inside the chimney and have to be blown out with the electric fan so he can bring the rag doll a present, I'll tell you next about Uncle Wiggly's Christmas.

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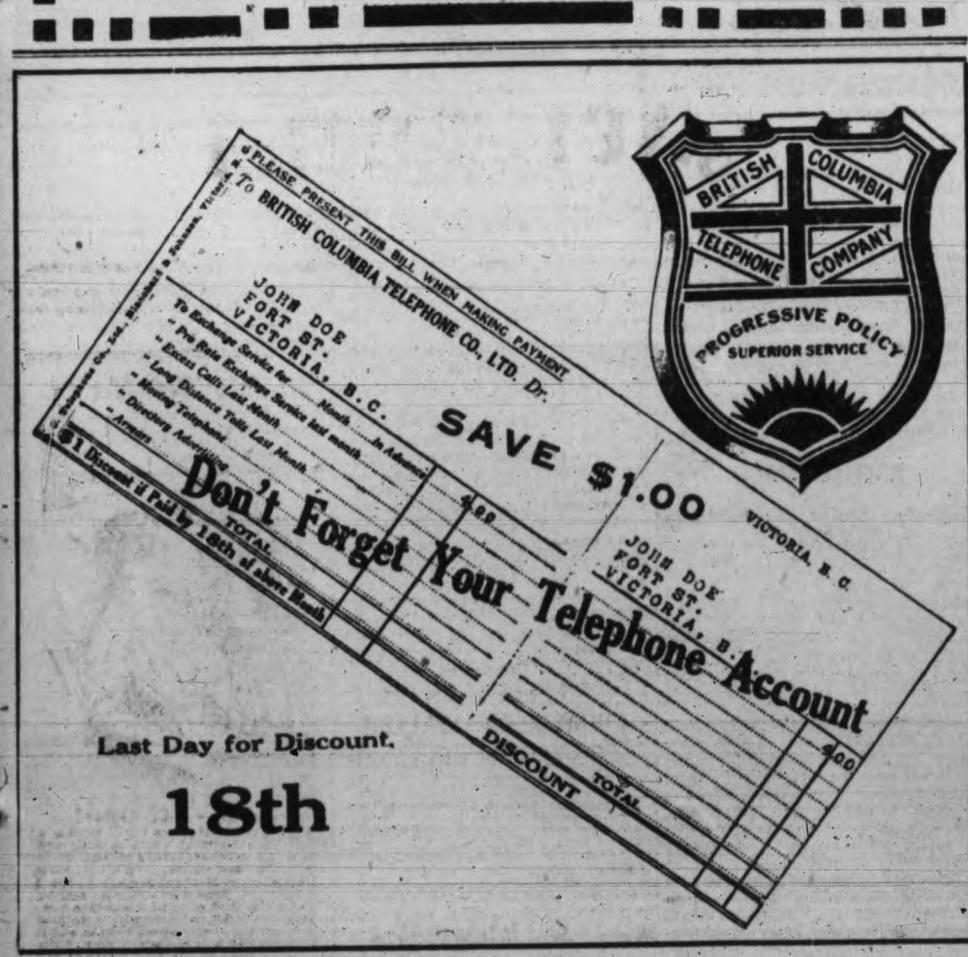
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## RETURNED MEN ASK PREMIER OLIVER TO PROCEED TO OTTAWA

Mass Meeting Held Last Night Anxious to Have Unemployment Relieved

Premier John Oliver one independent citizen and two returned soldiers, together with the Premiers of the other provinces, are to be asked to convene at Ottawa and demand that Sir Robert Borden and his cabinet create some scheme for the relief of the unemployment situation and reopen the gratuity question. This action was decided upon at the mass meeting of returned soldiers last night in Belmont House. A delegation consisting of Comrades Berry, Webb and Axon will wait upon Premier Oliver and inform him of the desire of the meeting.

Comrade Berry, who moved the resolution, pointed out that the reason he wished the Premier to go to Ottawa was that Hon. Mr. Oliver had shown a thorough understanding of the requirements of the returned men. This province had taken the lead in an endeavor to relieve unemployment, the speaker said. At the last session of the legislature the \$2,000,000 was appropriated for relief work amongst the soldiers.

### A Joint Apathy

A very noteworthy address was given during the meeting by Canon Hincliffe, who is greatly interested in the re-establishment of the returned men. He argued that the sole cause for the condition of the soldier to-day was not due entirely to the Government, but also to the apathy of the citizens and the antagonistic nature of the returned-men themselves. In response to an appeal as to the number of citizens present who had not seen service in any war or had sons in action, six men stood to their feet.

"There you have it," said the Canon. "You have exactly half a dozen men in Victoria who are interested in the re-establishment of the returned man. As long as such an apathetic condition exists you will not accomplish much. If the people of Canada wanted the boys re-established the Government would not hesitate. The great trouble is that the boys of Canada do not know where there was a war."

Canon Hincliffe asked how many members of the City Council were present, how many members of the legislature, how many members of the clergy and how many members of the Board of Trade and discovered that there was only one man from the latter organization. He added that a great deal of recruiting had been done in the pulpit and he wondered why the clergy was not as enthusiastic to see that the returned men was properly re-established.

### Must Get Together

"And again we must not only lay the blame on the government and the people," continued the Canon. "Let us come right home and we will find that the returned man is much to blame. He wants one man to get a position and another wants another. You cannot agree and if you wait until you do agree all the cripples, orphans and widows will be dead and there will be no need for the Government's assistance. Let's start right here and get together. As soon as you do this and get a scheme backed by all returned men I think you will find more people interested in you. So the best thing to do is to clean house. You are not demanding anything. You are simply asking for something that the people of Canada should have had in their hands to give you when you came home."

Comrade Hart presided at the meeting and explained that the returned men were simply asking to be re-established in a manner fitting to their gallant services overseas. He referred to the present situation as a very critical one and cited many instances of men who were unable to find work and did not want to seek charity.

### Compelled to Ask

"Owing to the fact that no work is available we have been forced to ask the Government to provide work," said the chairman. "The Government has compelled the returned man to ask for money. I do not think that any man after returning thought he would have to make a demand on his country. Had he been able to obtain work things would have been different. It is up to the Government to give the men a square deal. There are many men here who have been compelled to work and have been unable to find it. They did not want a hand-out. They did not have to look for charity before they went overseas and they don't want it now."

"The gratuity is needed to re-establish the returned man in civilian life. It is not right that the men who have fought and suffered overseas should have to return and suffer financial loss. Those who remained at home made fortunes, and now the returned man should be given an opportunity to reap his harvest. The gratuity means a square deal to the returned man. It is not a hand-out. At the present time the gratuity is a long way off, but I believe that it will come. But there is distress to-day. That can only be relieved by work, and the Government must provide it. The public works held up during the war should be started immediately."

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As compared with August, imports amounting to 1432 million are practically the same, while exports, totalling 664 million, are about eight million lower. Re-exports were 153 million, or slightly higher.

Comparing the figures with those of September last year, when of course the country was still at war, imports show an increase of over 50 million, while exports increased by upwards of 26 million.

The rise in imports compared with those for September, 1918, was most marked under the head of food, drink and tobacco, the increase in

tiring from public life at the end of this year.

The meeting, which was held in

St. Aidan's Hall, Cedar Hill, also en-

dorsed Councillor Terrell for re-

election as representative of the

ward.

### Exports of Manufactures Rose.

Regarding exports, 18 million of the 26 million increase consist of manufactured articles, cotton, woolen, and iron and steel goods figur-

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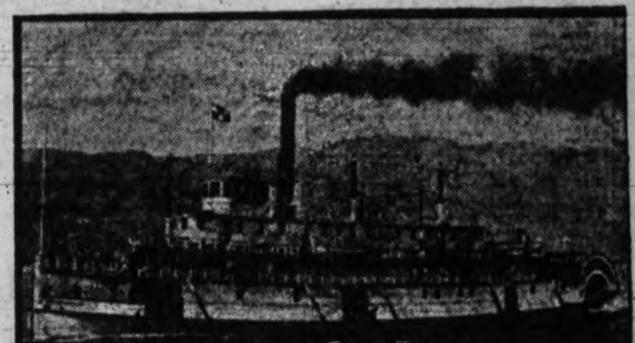
Immediately after the conclusion of the world's baseball championship, a party of "fans," including Col. T. L. Huston, vice-president of the American League Baseball Club, New York, Irvin S. Cobb, humorist, Harry Leon Wilson, novelist, Major W. O. McGeehan, sporting editor of the New York Tribune, W. J. Macbeth, of the New York Tribune, Damon Runyon, sporting editor of the New York American, Major Bozman Buiger of the New York Evening World, and Frank M. Stevens of New York, left for Nova Scotia on a moose hunt.

The majority of them had been watching, or reporting the clashes between the Chicago White Sox and the Cincinnati Reds, and were looking forward to the nerve-soothing quiet of a few innings with a charging bull moose.

The party spent a day in both Montreal and St. John before crossing the Bay of Fundy, so as to see something of Canadian life before plunging into the wilds. At Kedgema-koge moose-haunted lakes of Central Nova Scotia eight well-known guides awaited them, and conducted them in canoes to the home camp on Pescawah Lake.

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Amid rugged and beautiful mountain scenery, at the foot of Okanagan Lake, Penticton has become a popular centre for tourists. The Incola Hotel found it necessary to use every available space this season. Traffic was so heavy that sometimes verandas were used as sleeping apartments. The roads leading from Penticton are among the finest in British Columbia. One picturesquely road through the Indian reserve. Along the road eighteen rustic bridges over gurgling streams are crossed in a distance of seven miles. A popular resort for the residents of Penticton is Shaha or Dog Lake, three miles south of the town. Below is Vass Lake, and a point of interest in the drive down the East shore is a painting on a huge rock. This was done by the Indians many years ago and there are outstanding figures of a horse and rider done in brilliant colors, which time and the elements have effaced.

Twenty miles south of Penticton 2,299 acres of land will soon have an excellent system of irrigation. The project will cost two million dollars, and three years will be required to have it accomplished. The first eight miles of ditch will be finished this year. Several hundred men will be employed during the undertaking.

The C.P.R. is at present running surveys from Penticton to Oroville, the gateway from the U.S. into the Okanagan, traversing the soldiers' settlement land. This ranch consists of

30,000 acres. Ten acres of bearing orchard at Penticton recently sold for \$16,500, after the owner had taken off \$1,700 worth of cherries. The balance was worth \$4,000.

Seed growing is now being largely promoted in British Columbia, and the united seed growers have chosen Penticton as their headquarters and will erect their warehouse there. It is planned to grow seeds in the cold

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The effectiveness of the Virgil Clavier method of teaching pianoforte to students of any age was demonstrated at the Empress Hotel last night, when the pupils of Miss Marian Heming gave a delightful recital. Miss Heming is a staunch advocate of the method, and no more convincing argument in its favor could have been given than the very varied and excellent piano pieces to which some three hundred and fifty parents and friends of the students, as well as the general public listened with obvious enjoyment.

Twenty-seven students, including from Miss Foot and Miss Broley, respectively, contributed pianoforte pieces. The ages of the performers varied from the tiny tot of five or six years to the older student of seventeen or more, and it will thus be readily seen that it would be invidious to single out any particular student for special mention. While all were at various stages of advancement in the art of piano-playing, one factor was common to all—a soundness of technique, which is after all the fundamental basis of good playing. Temperamentally, many of the students showed great promise, despite the nervousness occasioned by a first appearance in public, and there is little doubt but that a number of those who made their debut last night have promising musical careers ahead of them. The high standard of execution reflects great credit upon the teacher, Miss Heming, and the method adopted.

Welcome variation in the programme of pianoforte members was afforded by the assisting artist, Miss Mary Izard, the young violinist, whose appearance on any Victoria platform is the signal for a rousing reception. In the first half of the programme Miss Izard contributed Cui's "Oriental," a lovely bit of melody redolent of the sensuous atmosphere of the East, in the playing of which the artist revealed the completeness of her technical equipment, her second number, Kreisler's "Liebestraube" breathed the gay spirit of the Occident, while in marked contrast was the soothing little "Lullaby" with which the artist responded to a well-deserved encore. Miss Izard's second group, and incidentally the last on the programme, was the difficult "Prelude and Allegro" (Pugnani-Kreisler) interpreted with musical understanding and commanding artistry.

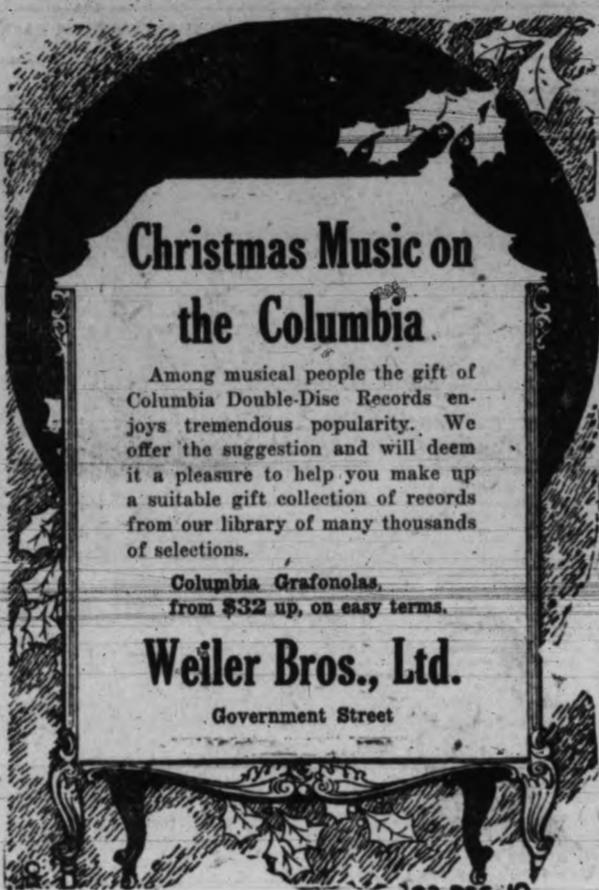
The only vocalist on the programme was Mrs. Wallace Whidden, who sang "The Voice of Home," and as an encore "The Harvest," with much sweetness and charm. Miss Heming officiated as accompanist for these numbers and also contributed the opening pianoforte solo on the programme, the pianoforte solo in masterly style. The proceeds of the concert have been handed by Miss Heming to the Victoria Ladies' Musical Club, and as a result the Club's sinking fund has been materially augmented.

The artists assisting the G. W. V. A. Band at their Sunday evening concert at Pantages Theatre will be S. J. Mitchell, who will sing "The Trumpeter," and Mrs. J. F. Paterson who is to sing "Angus McDonald."

The programme follows:

March—On the Quarterdeck, K. Alford  
Overture—Mirella..... C. Gould  
Selection—The Boy.....  
... L. Monkton and H. Talbot  
Son—The Trumpeter ... S. J. Mitchell  
Cardo (from the Opera, The Ghost  
of the Burgomaster), L. Grossman  
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Selection—Mikado..... Sullivan  
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## MUSICAL NOTES

(By George J. Dyke.)

The people of Norway are very fond of chorus singing and numerous choral music is written by Norwegian composers. Norwegian audiences are exceedingly critical, and bad taste in music is not tolerated. Even popular songs must be well written. At present Norway is experiencing, as are nearly all countries, a tremendous wave of modernism sweeping over its musical thoughts, and opera houses and theatres are also crowded nightly.

It is interesting to note how our Eastern cities have been enjoying grand operas given by the San Carlo Opera Company. The season of opera was doubled in Montreal. In Peterboro, Hamilton and other cities the houses were packed, and even in Ottawa, which is not considered a good point from the box office attitude, large audiences attended every performance. Fortune Gallo has brought the San Carlo Opera Company to a high standard, which insures for his audiences good singers, admirable productions adequately presented, and conductors and musicians of the front rank. Perhaps one of the causes for the awakened

interest in opera is the fact of so many talking machines being purchased for the home, giving the people an opportunity of becoming familiar with the different arias that when the opera company comes along they want to hear the opera in their entirety. The same interest in music has been increased amongst the soldiers, whose musical education received in camp has had its effect.

Musical circles here will perhaps be interested to know that an effort is being made to have sing here, after her Vancouver appearance, Alice Nielsen, prima donna soprano. Besides possessing a voice of beautiful quality, she is a beautiful woman, handsomely gowned. It is said that Alice Nielsen is loved perhaps by more people than any singer now before the public.

The best known living British composer on the Continent is De Lala. A cockney by birth, he is a prolific writer. His "Naike" was produced this season at Covent Garden, but his most popular opera is "Messalina," which was actually played in Brussels during the German occupation. He has written also "The Light of Asia," "Amy Robsart" and "The Three Musketeers."

The last composer to write English music in a distinctive national style was that veteran Sir Henry Rowley Bishop, who carried the traditions of Purcell, Arne, Boyce and others onward to the eighteenth century. Born in old Camden Town, London, towards the close of the eighteenth century, he commenced his musical career as a boy. In 1806 he wrote the music for a ballet performed at Covent Garden Theatre, and shortly afterwards commenced to write regularly for the stage. From 1810 to 1824 he held the post of musical director at Covent Garden and became a director of the Concerts of Ancient Music. He received the honor of knighthood in 1842. But in spite of a knighthood and the Professorship of Music at Oxford, his last days were spent in comparative poverty. And what a reward to one of such professional eminence! In every house where music, and more especially vocal music, is welcome, the name of Sir Henry Bishop has long been and must long remain household words. Who has not been soothed by the melody of "Blow Gentle Gales," "charmed" by the measures of "Lo! Hear the Gentle Lard," enlivened by the animated strains of "Foresters, Sound the Cheerful Horn," or touched by the sadder music of "The Winds Whistle Cold"? Who has not been haunted by the insinuating tones of "Tell Me, My Heart," "Bid Me Discourse," or "Where the Wind Blows," which Rossini loved so well? Who has not felt sympathy with "As it fell upon a day in the merry month of May" or admired that masterpiece of glee and chorus, "The Chorus and the Crowd"? or been moved to jollity at the sumptuous feast by "Mynheer von Durck," the most original and genial of comic glee? Sir Henry Bishop died at Edgeware Road, London, in 1855.

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## If You Drive in Cold Weather This Will Be Useful to You

Victoria motorists during the last week or so have been forced to do a lot of experimenting in the starting and stopping of their engines in cold weather.

When the cylinders and carburetor are cold, it is hard to vaporize the motor fuel, especially as present-day grades demand more heat than used to be necessary, even in summer weather. The rapid operation or speeding up of the engine while it is still cold and before the combustion chambers have warmed up is the mistake that does the harm. The gasoline is only partly volatilized by the heat of the engine.

The portion that does not burn must remain in the cylinders, and in time some of the plugs are fouled.

At the same time the cylinder oil is thick and sluggish, and it does not circulate as it should to the bearings. Thus you have unevenness of firing due to the partial fouling of the engine, and with the lack of proper lubrication of the bearings.

The combination is very bad for the bearings and other friction surfaces.

To avoid treating your motor in this manner it is best to first inject a little raw fuel into the combustion chambers through the priming cock, choke the carburetor so that you have a rich mixture, and then crank the engine a few times with the starter.

Above all, do not race the engine until you are sure that it is well heated up.

Run it slowly for a few minutes to give the cylinders a chance to warm up and the oil an opportunity to get going in good shape.

Use common sense in large doses, and if you do you will not have the annoyance of fouled plugs and hearing knocks that are the lot of drivers of a careless turn of the mind.

But the engine won't always start by priming it with a little raw fuel. When it is extremely cold you will sometimes have to turn to the help of the trusty teakettle full of hot water.

Pour some around the bowl of the carburetor, and apply hot cloths to the intake manifold.

Treatment of this kind will often warm the parts sufficiently for you to get the engine started, after which it will usually keep going, even if it does a great deal of sputtering and missing at first.

Sometimes a few drops of raw fuel poured into the combustion chambers through the priming cock will do the business of starting, but this should be used sparingly and with caution.

As the choke on some carburetors does not shut off all of the air, it is sometimes effective to stuff a rag into the carburetor intake

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How the used car business in Victoria in less than two years has been developed from a hit-or-miss, catch-as-catch-can system of swapping cars to a service, characterized by the reliability and trustworthiness of a bond known as the story of the Carter Bros. of 727 Johnson Street.

Jack Carter, who is the head of the firm, was the originator in Victoria of the idea of the guaranteed used car. His success resulted from a vision which was able to appreciate a great opportunity. He saw that the public was turned over to the market, but the public anxious for such cars hesitating and almost suspicious of them because they could have no surety that the cars would turn out to be as represented by the men trying to get rid of them.

Mr. Carter changed the whole situation. He realized that the public was anxious to take up used cars, which could be bought for a fraction of the price of new cars. At the same time he realized that the public had a right to be something definite as to the reliability, quality and condition of the used car.

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Mr. Carter has blazed the trail, and now buyers of used cars from this house can confidently take over a machine in the knowledge that it has been overhauled and everything put in first class shape—the same sort of guarantee that the buyer expects when he takes a new car.

So thorough is the overhauling and detailed the instructions of every machine handled by the house that the thirty-day guarantee covers the buyer of used cars from every defect in workmanship or material.

This is the way one of the important motor houses of the city has been firmly established, a business elevated and standardized and the motor investor guaranteed in his investment.

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## COLD SPELL ONLY ADDS TO ANTICIPATION OF NEW CAR BUYERS

Winter and even a sudden cold snap, does not chill business at the Shell Garage, View Street, where Lexington, Nash and Reo cars are being dispensed under the direction of Ernest Eve.

So keen has been the demand for these cars up the Island, that Mr. Eve during the last few days has been on a trip to the various cities and towns between here and Nanaimo, making arrangements for the handling of the cars that will be put out in these districts next season.

Don't turn to the left under any circumstances when meeting cars at intersections. The car approaching from the right always has the right of way.

## CONTRACTORS SAVE BY MOTOR TRUCKS

R. E. McMorran Tells of Overhead Charges Horse Trucking Necessitates

The dollars and cents basis of motor trucking against horse trucking has been the subject of meditation on the part of the staff of the R. E. McMorran Garage, 727 Johnson Street, the Victoria and Island home of the powerful Garford trucks.

"Real live contractors figure their estimates very closely," said Mr. McMorran to-day. "They know of their competitors.

"It is the length of time that your equipment takes to haul a load, the unnecessary length of time you have to pay for labor, the length of time, and the cost of labor, that you have to pay for the horses. It is not so difficult to lose on your estimate, yet you are only allowing for a very small margin of profit, and you wonder why it is the other fellow got the job, and how he can afford to do it. It is very obvious. He estimated on hauling by motor trucks.

"By the use of motor trucks you save time, that is the keynote. Therefore you make more hauls in a shorter time, and can also haul more material per load. You are cutting down your drivers expense. You are saving on that absurdly enormous feed bill, and you are not taking any chances on your teams being unable to pull out of an excavation.

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To operate a Garford truck in road building, excavation and construction work, and hauling heavy building material, is to realize the unending satisfaction of incomparable, effective, uninterrupted, economical and efficient service.

Mr. Eve found that the cold weather has only added to the anticipation while prospective buyers are looking to the return of the days when they will be able to get on the open road with their new machines.

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Hamilton, Canada**TELLS HOW TO WASH MOTOR CAR WITHOUT INJURING THE FINISH**

Appearance of Many Bodies Destroyed By Improper Cleaning, Says Expert

The fine finish of many Victoria automobiles is being destroyed by careless and improper washing, according to C. Freegard, of the Veterans' High Class Auto Painting Works, Pandora and Blanshard Streets, who has been carrying on research work in the care of the finish and painting of cars.

"New varnish on a car does not become fully dry and mature for several weeks and for that reason washing should include only the use of clear, cold water, no soap, and never alkali soap powders," says Mr. Freegard.

"It is entirely possible to strip off both varnish and paint coats by using hot water and soap or soap powders, the majority of which are strongly alkaline, if used a short time after the newly-varnished car has been put into service.

"The best way to remove mud from a car when it is still wet. In washing off, avoid using a strong stream from a hose, because this simply drives and beats the mud against the varnish in a way that resembles a rubbing with pumice stone and water. If a hose is used, let it be with low pressure. Soak the mud thoroughly, let it stand a while, and then go back to it with more water later.

"When wiping down the varnish be sure the sponge or cloth is thoroughly wet, otherwise you may produce a result similar to that of rubbing the mud so thoroughly that it will come off without any other help, if possible.

"With the mud soaked and washed off, the surface may be cleaned up with a soft sponge kept well soaked in water. After sponging, wipe off the surplus water, using a clean soft chamois skin previously washed and wrung out well.

"It is unnecessary to wipe the surface moisture completely dry, nor even desirable. Allow the final moisture to evaporate, then with a soft dry chamois rub the varnish to a polish."

ALL-STEEL TRUCK

COMING TO VICTORIA

Motor Men Anxious to See the Latest Federal Creation

That part of Victoria motordom which finds its interest centring chiefly in trucks is eagerly awaiting the latest thing in motor trucks—the new model SD Federal, one-ton chassis which is now on its way to the Revercomb Motor Company, Victoria distributors of the Federal.

It is an all-steel or metal truck, with the exception of the pneumatic cord tires and the upholstering of the seat. The body of the seat itself is of steel and so is the dash. Even the wheels are of the latest disc steel type.

"This truck is built to hard truck standards, for real duty," said Mr. Revercomb to-day. "She has the advantages of more power, speed and electric lights. She is especially designed for satisfactory results with the use of pneumatic tires. She is even equipped with a governor controlling her speed to twenty-five miles an hour."

The truck is being turned out with full accessories, equipment from electric lights to a tire pump and radiator guard. To protect the batteries when the car is on heavy work on bad roads they are provided with cushion mountings on frame brackets.

PRINCE'S TRIP MAKES NANAIMO FAMOUS

Story of His Tour of District Spread Over Whole Continent

Nanaimo has been made famous throughout a large part of the English-speaking world because when the Prince of Wales was there he toured the district in one of the Lexington Minute Man Sixes that Ernest Eve of the Shell Garage is distributing here.

The story of the tour has been published in most of the big newspapers of the United States and Canada.

Residents of Nanaimo, British Columbia, were afforded a rare treat a few days ago when they saw the Prince of Wales, with a happy smile on his face, traveling the streets of Nanaimo in a Lexington Minute Man Six," says The News Dispatch.

"The sight of his royal highness in a car named in memory of the minute men of 1778 was to them symbolic of the change that has come in the relations between the United States and Great Britain in the 150 years since the Revolutionary war.

"The sight brought with it a realization of the friendliness that was sealed anew in Flanders, and on many

other battlefields, only a few months ago when the sons of John Bull and of Uncle Sam fought side by side against the common foe. The young son of King George has won an affectionate place in the hearts of the people on this continent.

EXPERTS EXPLAINS FORD TRANSMISSION

The wonderfully effective, simple and sturdy planetary transmission of the Ford car and its care was explained to-day by Arthur H. Dandridge, the motor expert of 749 Broughton Street. Mr. Dandridge is held as the highest authority on Van-

cover Island on the mechanism of the Ford. He has been a consulting engineer on Fords in almost every part of the English-speaking world, and is now at the service of Victoria Ford owners.

"Without a doubt the Ford car owes its popularity to the simple change speed arrangement, known as the planetary gear," said Mr. Dandridge.

"In all makes of cars the change speed gear box suffers the most abuse. But planetary gear owing to its construction will withstand more rough usage than the selective type. Of course, like any other machinery, it is subject to wear and tear.

"Usually the first indication of trouble is a grinding and chattering

noise when the speed bands are applied. This is more noticeable when the front brake is used.

"The cause is that the bearings on which the drums revolve become worn or broken. Quite a number of drivers are under the impression that the transmission linings are at fault, and have them replaced, only to find the trouble has been aggravated.

"There is only one positive cure, that is, to replace the worn bushes with new ones. This is a very particular job that requires skill and expensive equipment, as these bearings to run smoothly must be fitted to within three-thousandths part of an inch.

"The most essential thing to protect the gear box bearings from

undue wear and tear is to be careful to maintain the correct oil level in the engine base, as the bearings depend entirely on this for lubrication. It is a good plan occasionally to flush the gear box with coal oil. This not only removes all metal particles, but tends to prevent the clutch from grabbing or slipping. It also assists the engine in starting.

"Before flushing the gear box jack up one rear wheel and get someone to change gears while you are pouring the coal oil on the drums."

"In case the vacuum tank has become empty for some reason, it is a simple matter to fill it again by turning over the engine a few times with the throttle closed and the spark

off. This takes only a moment and creates vacuum enough to fill the tank.

"If the engine develops a weakness on a hill consider the condition necessary to produce power ignition, carburetion, compression, lubrication and cooling. By going over each one of the above-in turn you will probably find the trouble and save a trip to the repair shop.

"A simple and convenient way of finding the hole for the cotter pin is to file a notch in the end of the bolt or stud parallel with the hole. In this way it is easy to bring the notch points to the castellation at each end, when the cotter pin will slip readily into place.

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## SEASON'S GAMES IN HOCKEY TILT

**Mets Open in Victoria December 26; Home Games Friday**

Vancouver, Dec. 13.—A thirty-three game schedule, three more games than provided in the 1919 schedule is announced by the Pacific Coast Hockey Association for the coming season. The season's fixtures were announced to-day by President Frank Patrick. The opening match will be played at Victoria on Friday, December 26, while March 10, the closing date, brings Victoria and Seattle together in the Queen City.

Under the season's schedule Seattle Mets appear here six times during the season, and Victoria will make five trips to this city. The usual playoff will likely follow the final schedule, with the coast mainline having signified their intention of continuing the playoff system.

Here is the 1919-20 schedule:

December 26—Seattle at Victoria.

December 29—Victoria at Vancouver.

December 31—Vancouver at Seattle.

January 5—Vancouver at Victoria.

January 7—Seattle at Vancouver.

January 9—Seattle at Victoria.

January 12—Victoria at Vancouver.

January 14—Vancouver at Seattle.

January 16—Vancouver at Victoria.

January 19—Seattle at Vancouver.

January 21—Victoria at Seattle.

January 23—Vancouver at Victoria.

January 26—Victoria at Vancouver.

January 28—Vancouver at Seattle.

January 30—Seattle at Victoria.

February 4—Victoria at Seattle.

February 6—Vancouver at Victoria.

February 9—Victoria at Vancouver.

February 11—Vancouver at Seattle.

February 13—Seattle at Victoria.

February 16—Seattle at Vancouver.

February 18—Victoria at Seattle.

February 20—Vancouver at Victoria.

February 23—Victoria at Vancouver.

February 25—Vancouver at Seattle.

February 27—Seattle at Victoria.

March 1—Seattle at Vancouver.

March 3—Victoria at Seattle.

March 6—Vancouver at Victoria.

March 8—Seattle at Vancouver.

March 10—Victoria at Seattle.

The referee was not the only defaulter, but the spectators might use a little discretion by keeping off the touch lines, which would make it much easier for the linesmen and the referee.

Last, but not least, was the referee's decision in the last few minutes of the game. He did what he thought was right, and if they were not satisfied, put an objection up after the game or at the next meeting, not pounce upon one unfortunate man and get a crowd around at least three or four hundred to one. I don't call this sportsmanship, and it is not the way to encourage good sport. Let the man with the whistle control the game and help him instead of nagging him all the time.

Trusting I am not taking up too much of your valuable space and thanking you in anticipation, I hope in future that some good games will be seen, as this is the only amusement on Saturday afternoons.

I might mention that I am not acquainted with any of the referees in the league and am not favoring any one man, but I feel I would like to express my feelings and those of others who side with me in the position I take.

A SPECTATOR  
Glenary Apartments, Cook Street, Victoria, B.C., December 11, 1919.

Binghamton, N. Y., Dec. 13.—Harry Waggon, of Pittsburg, decisively out-fought and outpointed Mike McTigue, the Irish champion, at the Endicott-Johnson Athletic Association last night. Both fighters weighed 162 pounds.

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WANTS ANOTHER MATCHING

Yankees Take McGraw.

The New York Yankees have taken back Pitcher Bob McGraw, who was a real prospect both with Yankees and Red Sox in such chances as he was given.

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ONTARIO HOCKEY.

Toronto, Dec. 13.—The Ontario Hockey Association executive committee at a meeting here last night ruled that Roach and McCaffery, of Hamilton, must receive amateur cards before being allowed to compete in the O. H. A. McCaffery, of Toronto, was restored to good standing but "Glenn" Smith, of the Toronto Fins, will not be granted certificates until next season. The Newmarket Club was again declared eligible to enter teams in the O. H. A.

It is a curious inversion of the fitness of things that those whose fitness is worth the least generally have the most expensive watches.

DICKEN'S FELLOWSHIP  
GROWS IN CANADA

Famous British Writer's Work  
Is Studied by Increasing  
Numbers

The Dickens Fellowship was formed in London 17 years ago to knit together in common bond of fellowship lovers of that great master of humor and pathos. Charles Dickens, to protect the cause of humanity, which is the keynote of all his work, and to cultivate an interest in the works of all great writers of English literature. There are no fewer than 50 branches, some of the largest being in Australia, India, the United States and Canada.

The programmes are interesting and instructive and consist of lectures, discussions and discussions on poems and other great English authors, with occasional musical items and dramatic productions. An impression abroad that one must be a student to qualify for membership is quite wrong and contrary to the spirit of the fellowship. To use Dickens' words: "We hope to do some solid good and we mean to be as cheery and pleasant as we can."

Seven Branches.

Of the seven branches that have been formed in Canada those in Hamilton and Ottawa are at the present time dormant, and two others Moosejaw and Saskatoon, are still reported as in the course of formation, so that there remain three, viz., Montreal, Toronto and Winnipeg. These three branches are all in a flourishing condition, full of enthusiasm, and doing good work in aid of the children's charities, etc.

The Winnipeg branch has the honor of being the first organized in Canada. It was organized in 1904, and since 1910 the story of the Winnipeg branch has been one of steady growth and increasing activity. This western branch unlike others in Canada, has varied its programmes in such a way that it is now firmly established and known as the literary society in general, and during the winter the programme is not strictly Dickensian. There have been evenings devoted to English poets and prose writers. The following have been celebrated in this way: Burns, Shakespeare, Browning, Tennyson and Stevenson. One of the most interesting programmes ever rendered was provided by Canadian authors who read selections from their works.

The dramatic side of the Dickens Fellowship has been a great help in keeping up the interest and providing the necessary funds. The dramatization of Dickens' work has been an effective means of raising funds. To see the characters live before you, to hear their voices, gives a reality and life to his works that must always delight where it is really well done, as is always the case with the Fellowship Players.

The Toronto branch, formed in 1905, is strange as it may seem, the largest branch in the world. It has a special branch in the Children's hospital and are doing splendid work in that connection. The Montreal branch was formed in 1909 and is very much alive and up-to-date.

Do Not Procrastinate.

"I say," returned Mr. Micawber, "my advice is never do-to-morrow what you can do to-day. Procrastination is the thief of time. Collar him."

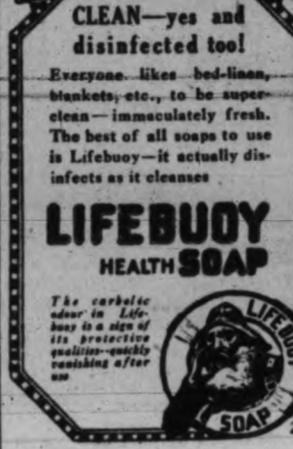
Owing to the fact that each branch in Canada is semi-independent of the parent body there may arise a tendency in the fellowship of its work to be done in "water-tight compartments" and conditions vary with the requirements and influences in each locality. It must never be forgotten that the appeal of Dickens is universal and the work of the fellowship is consequently universal. To ensure unity of purpose, the council requests of new branches to keep in touch with the council in London, England. Interchange of opinion, visits of officials between branches, and many other modes fostering the corporate feeling of the fellowship throughout the society in western Canada.

But while these schemes need attention, the members of the fellowship who wish to press their cause must have some foundation for their appeal. To show that he is whose name we work had these matters very close to his own heart. It therefore becomes more and more a necessity to study the works of the great writer at first hand. In addition to the better known works, many which apparently have been read, those which are perhaps not so familiar to the general readers, together with the miscellaneous essays and some of the children's stories might profitably be added to the programme. Members should not only be entertained by the amusing passages and incidents which abound in Dickens' works, but should study earnestly the social evils which he indicates with so unerring a finger, and from these studies endeavor to formulate some kind of remedy for our own social injustices, which still so largely exist.

Value to Reform.

We may laugh whole-heartedly at the ridicule poured so lavishly on the methods of the Circumlocution Office, but at the same time there ought to be found some way for helping a Daniel Doyce.

Not only should the study of Dickens' writings be insisted on, the general, but the rising generation should be encouraged to read them. "A Christmas Carol," and "The Cricket on the Hearth," have taken their places among the classical fairy-tales for children, and "David Copperfield" and "Oliver Twist" are known to many young people, but the remainder of the masterpieces are not so much read by children as they should be. The study of Dickens by the young is being stimulated by the offer of rewards for knowledge and research, and some of the branches are co-operating with local educational au-



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## FRANCE MAY BUILD TONNAGE IN CANADA

Sought to Purchase Vessels  
Built for Canadian Govern-  
ment Merchant Marine

An unsuccessful effort was made recently by the French Government to purchase the steel cargo steamships built in Canadian yards to the order of the Dominion Government. Negotiations were opened but the Dominion Government would not consider the disposal of its ships which had been built with the object of developing Canadian overseas commerce.

The French Government is badly in need of tonnage to build up its commerce, particularly on its Colonial and Mediterranean trade routes, and in view of the refusal of the Dominion of Canada to sell its vessels, it is said that the French Government is prepared to order 120 steel cargo steamers to be built in Canada at \$170 a deadweight long ton. In this connection it is reported that a credit of \$180,000,000 has been arranged through New York financiers.

### Canadian Tonnage.

Since the Dominion Government inaugurated its steel shipbuilding programme, fifty-three steel cargo steamers have been built and have been delivered and put into commission, and eight more have been launched and will soon be in service. The last vessels to be delivered were the Canadian Adventurer, Canadian Gunner, Canadian Aviator and Canadian Sower. Since November 29, the following contracts have been placed: Canadian Vickers, Ltd.; four ships of approximately 8,350 deadweight, at \$170 a ton; Midland Shipbuilding Company, Midland, Ontario, one ship of approximately 8,350 deadweight tons at \$180 a ton; Wallace Shipyards, North Vancouver, two ships of approximately 8,350 tons at \$187.50 a ton.

The three latter vessels makes a total of fifty-six ships ordered, aggregating a total of 334,793 deadweight tons. The four latest vessels placed with the Canadian Vickers firm will be named Canada Victor, Canadian Conqueror, Canadian Commander and Canadian Leader.

### The Builders.

To date the following orders have been placed: Canadian Vickers, Ltd.; twelve ships; Collingwood Shipbuilding Company, seven ships; Wallace Shipyards, Ltd., six ships; Tidewater Shipbuilders, Ltd., four ships; Davie Shipbuilding and Repairing Company, two ships; Port Arthur Shipbuilding Company, six ships; Halifax Shipyards, Ltd., four ships; Harbor Marine Company, Ltd., two ships; J. Coughlan & Sons, four ships; Nova Scotia Steel & Coal Company, two ships; Prince Rupert Drydock & Engineering Company, two ships; British American Shipbuilding Company, two ships; Dominion Shipbuilding Company, two ships; Midland Shipbuilding Company, one ship.

## IMPROBABLE STEAMER ROOSEVELT WILL BE PURCHASED BY G.T.P.

Officials of the Grand Trunk Pacific have inspected the steamer Roosevelt at Seattle with a view to purchase. It was found that extensive alterations would be necessary, and from statements subsequently made it is improbable that the deal will go through.

## TREATMENT FOR INFLUENZA CASES

Simple Home Treatment to  
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Any physician will tell you that the drugs to use in such cases are Aspirin, Phenacetin, Quinine, Salol, Caffeine, Citrate, and Camphor. The action of these is to quickly break up the cold and even conquer the adenoids in the throat.

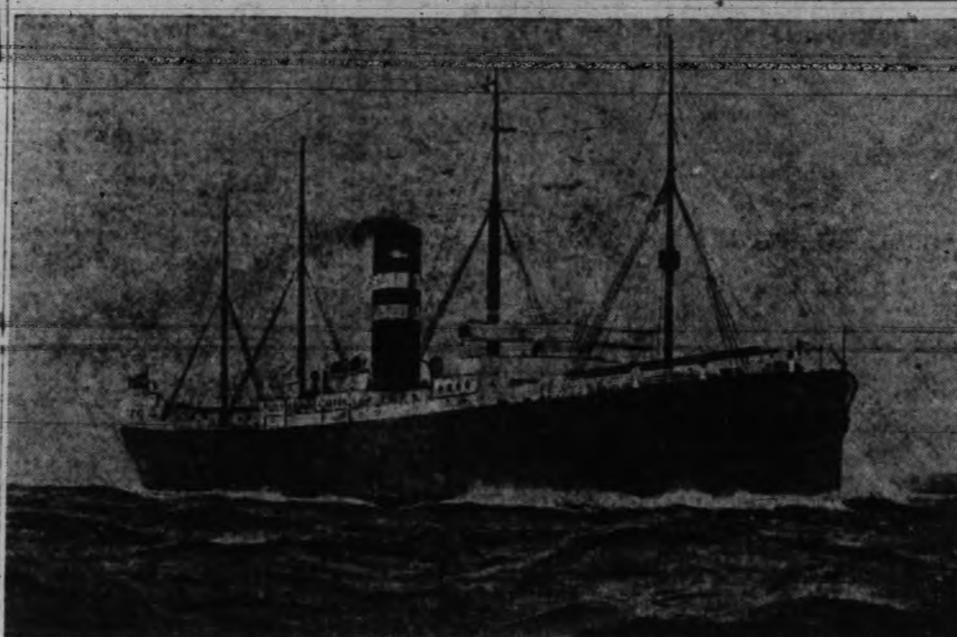
These drugs are offered the public in the name of Grip Fix, a preparation for use in the home. It has been on the market for ten years and of value in combating the epidemic of last year. It comes in capsule form, convenient to take and quick in action. It is good for colds in a night and usually breaks up an attack of grippe in 48 hours. There is nothing like it. It does not work injury to the system. On the contrary, it has a general toning up effect.

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### REPAIRS EFFECTED.

Minor engine-room repairs have been effected aboard the French steamer Schlesstadt by Yarrow's, Ltd. The Schlesstadt is a Vancouver-built wooden vessel, which put back to this port a few days ago in distress.

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## AUSTRALIAN BOAT DRIVES ASHORE

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Holley, R. N. R., is scheduled to ar-

rive in port on Monday from the

Far East.

The Empress of Asia sailed from

Yokohama December 6 and is mak-

ing an 11,000-mile run across the Pa-

cific. The inbound liner is in touch

with the coast wireless stations and

is anticipated that she will reach

William Head at an early hour.

Her outbound trip the Empress of

Asia will sail from Vancouver on

Christmas Day, calling at Victoria

on her way out to sea. She will be

preceded to sea by the liner Empress

of Japan, which is now loading car-

go at Vancouver.

The steamship Methven of the C.

O. S. freight service arrived at

Singapore December 7 and is due to

arrive on the return voyage to-morrow.

The Methven will touch at Yoko-

hama before setting out across the

Pacific.

Representations were at once

made to the authorities by the com-

pany officials pointing out that the

Makura was running behind sched-

ule, and in view of the urgency of the

case it was arranged that the liner

would be passed.

It is probable that the quarantine

doctor will board the ship at William

Head and come up to Victoria aboard

her. If the Makura reaches William

Head as expected she may be looked

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**HUGE GATHERING IN HONOR OF SOLDIERS**

Premier Oliver and Mr. Bowser Spoke at Banquet Last Evening

To celebrate the safe return of their gallant brothers and to express their sorrow and reverence for those who fell, some 800 members of the lodges of Sons, Daughters and Maids of Enclosed gathered in the Patricia Hall last night. During the banquet a number of prominent men, among them Premier Oliver, and W. J. Bowser, K.C., M.P.P., Leader of the Opposition, spoke on the patriotic themes that were uppermost in the minds of the members present.

**The Empire.**

Mr. Bowser, in proposing the toast to the Empire, pointed out that where there had been twenty monarchs of Europe before the war, now only twelve existed. Political, financial, moral changes had rent the world, but the British Empire, firmer, stronger and more secure, still stood as it always would stand. "There never will be a time," he declared, "when the British Empire will not be the British Empire. There is no room for Bolshevism in the British Empire."

The visit of the Prince of Wales to Canada, the speaker pursued, had served to strengthen the bonds of the British people. If there had been any suggestion, any idea, that the Empire was crumbling, the enthusiasm, the pride and the love with which the Heir to the Throne had been greeted had shown that such notions were without foundation. "Nothing," said Mr. Bowser, "has tended more than the Prince's visit to strengthen the ties of Empire."

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